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1. The Polish steel industry is suffering from a serious shortage of scrap iron and steel. Over one million tons are required for the current year. The mines must give up all unnecessary and unused machinery and the Ministry of Shipping has been given the task of recovering wrecks from the Neisse River.<sup>1</sup> A plan has been evolved whereby each source of supply will be expected to deliver certain quotas.
2. At a national conference held during the first quarter of the year<sup>2</sup> to discuss the provision of the necessary scrap, it was decided that the entire country must be included, even the most outlying districts, and that the collectors of scrap would be offered financial rewards as encouragement.

## Comments:

1. We are unable to imagine "wrecks" other than barges or ferry boats in the Neisse. Could be that the Oder is intended also.

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2. The term "the first quarter of the year" could mean the first quarter of the financial year.

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